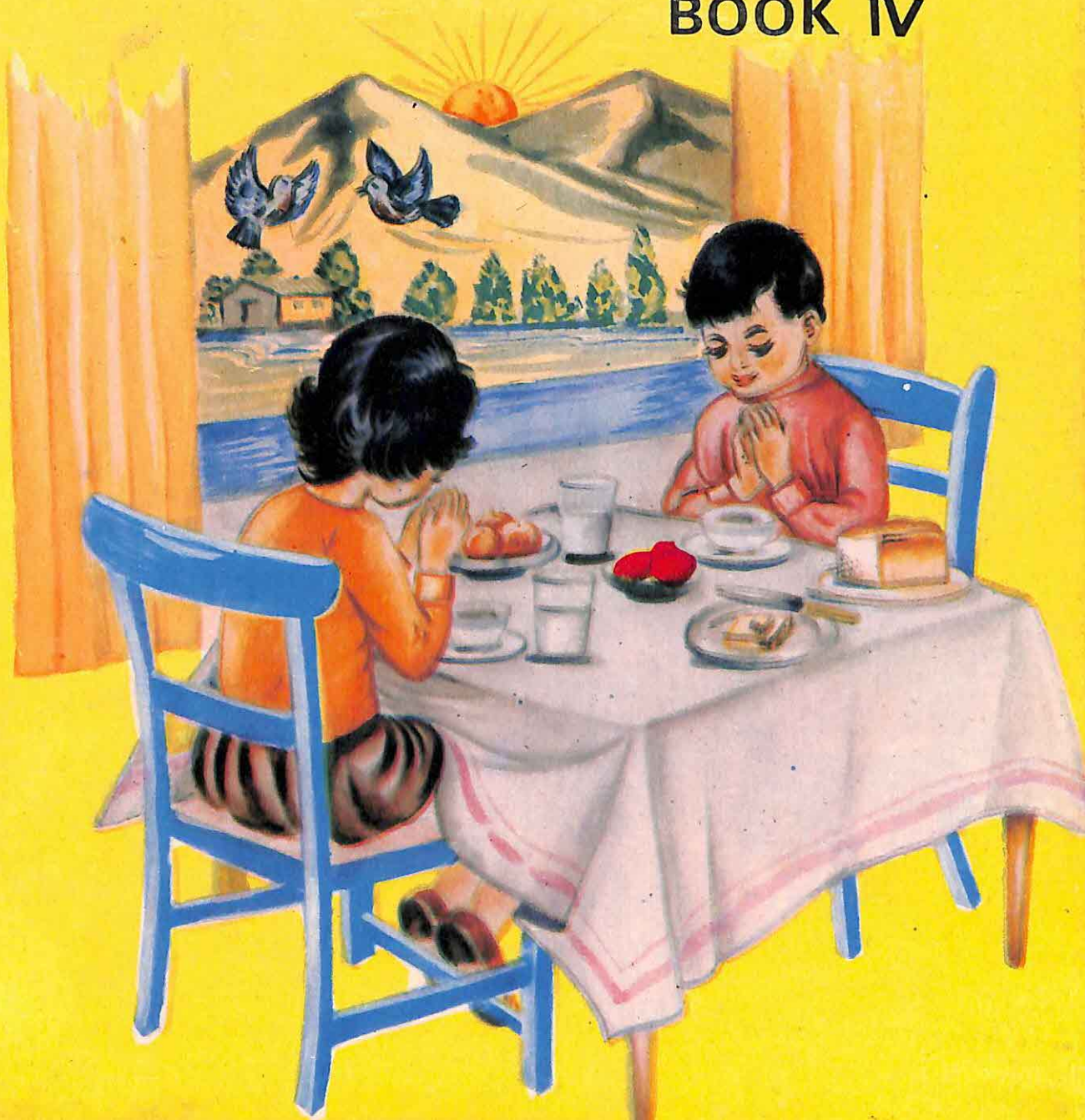


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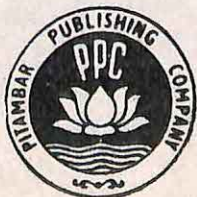
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**DEDICATION**

THIS SERIES IS DEDICATED TO OUR LOVING  
DAUGHTER MANJULA WHO HAS SPENT HER  
PRECIOUS TIME IN HELPING US PREPARE  
THIS SERIES AND ALSO TO THE YOUNG  
PEOPLE WHO ARE PREPARING TO TAKE  
RESPONSIBILITIES IN LIFE.

## PREFACE

All principles upon which moral action is based begin with God. These principles are a sure safeguard at the time of trials and temptations in life.

It has been our desire to present these principles in the series entitled, "Amazing Facts in Moral Science", which consists of eight books. Through this series of books we have endeavoured to help the young people know how to live a successful life. We also hope to guide them in performing their duties and responsibilities in the home, in the school, in the society, and in the country at large. We have made an humble effort to help the young people to get a concept of God, His love and dealings with mankind. This has been achieved by dealing with the everyday problems of a child, with making appropriate practical suggestions as to how to meet these problems.

Parents and teachers also play an important and effective role in the sacred work of guiding the young people, so that they grow to be good citizens of the country. Therefore this series is useful for parents and teachers too.

We would like to express our gratitude to our friends for the help and suggestions rendered.

Suggestions for further improvement of the books shall be thankfully received and acknowledged.

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How many of us say, "thank you" when someone does a favour for us or gives us something? Do we think of the value of the gift or do we think of the kind thoughts behind the act? On the other hand, are you one of those who thank their friends or visitors, but never have a word of thanks for your own family?



You may be surprised to know that you have received some gifts, without which the world would have been a dull place to live in. Can you think of some of them?



I'm sure each one of you have felt the quietness of an evening. The sun slowly goes down beyond the hills and the cool, gentle breeze gives one a pleasant feeling.



God gives us so many gifts which we take for granted, day by day, never realizing the extent of His love in each of His gifts; never pausing for a moment in our daily routine, to say, "Thank you, God" for the countless blessings of each day.

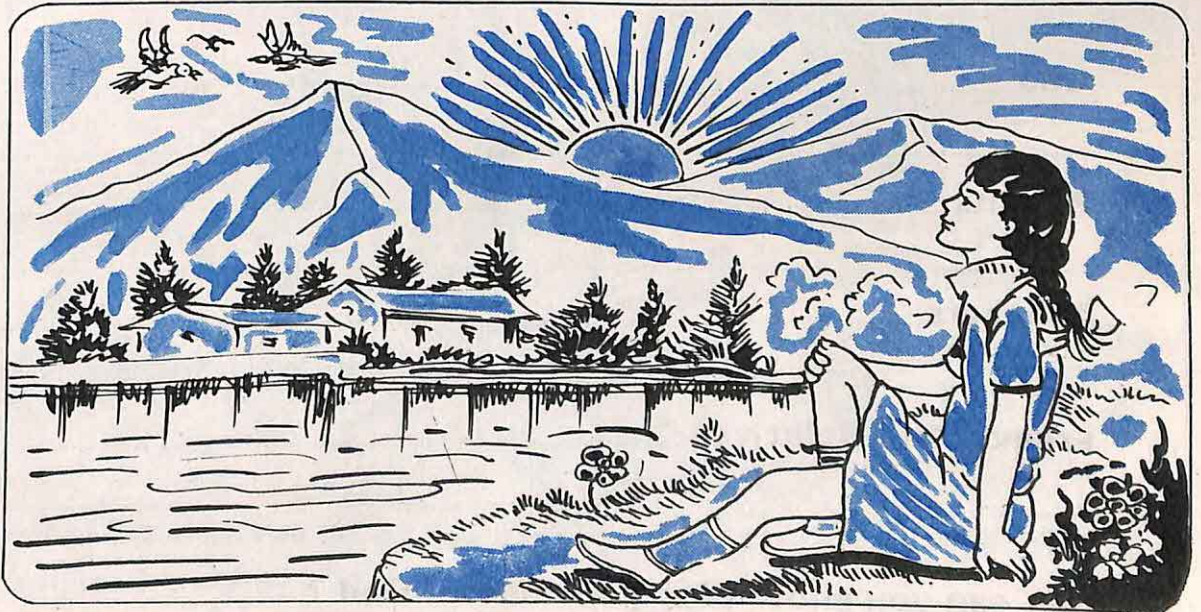




Have you ever lain awake in your bed at night with the moonlight falling on your pillow ? The moon is one of His gifts, you know ! The blue skies on a summer's day and the green carpet of grass below. The various colours of the flowers and the mountain streams winding their way through trees and shrubs.



The warm sunshine and the perfume in the air ! Yes, God has given you all this because He loves you.





Do you thank Him for the blessings of life ? Are you grateful for His watchful care ? We can show our gratitude to God by being good and doing only what He would like us to do.



### AMAZING FACTS

1. God gives us gifts because He loves us.
2. We take some gifts for granted.

*Answer the following questions :*

1. What gifts can you think of without which the world would have been a dull place to live in ?
2. In what way do we take for granted God's gifts without realizing His love ?
3. Write down the gifts that you have received from :

God .....

Parents .....

Teachers .....

Friends and Relatives .....

4. How can you show your gratitude to God ?



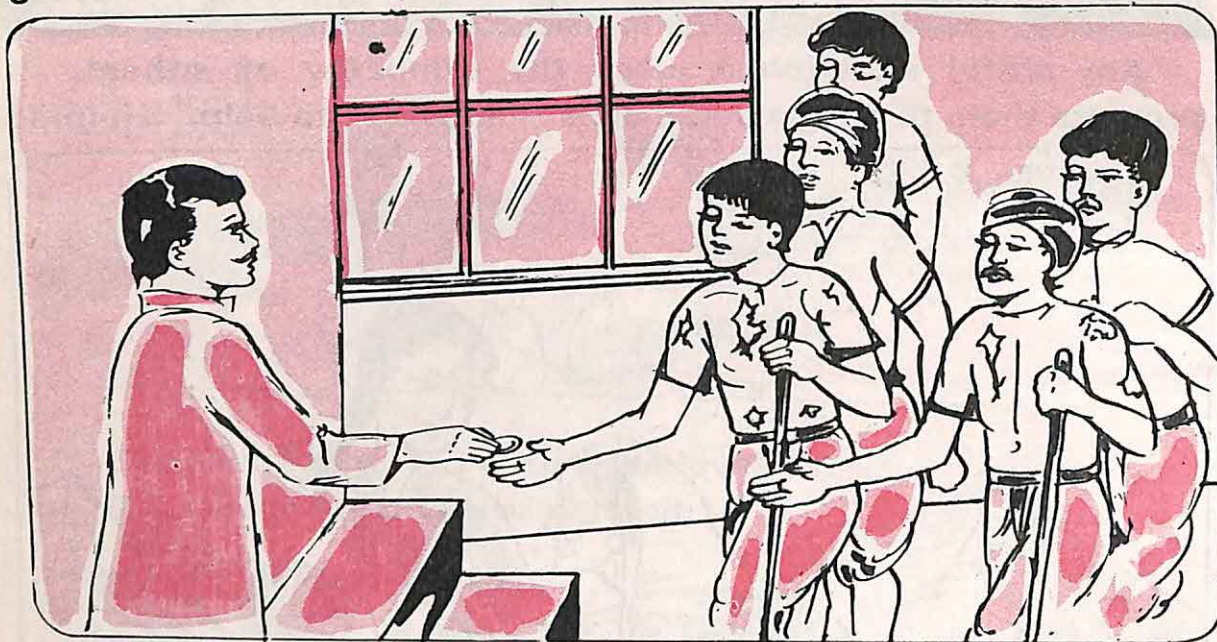
Any pitiful situation arouses the sympathy of others. It prompts them to action and makes them want to help. Helping



others is a virtue to be desired by all. It satisfies the one who helps as well as the one who is helped.



Everywhere we go in big cities like Bombay, we usually see beggars ! We see them around the market place, outside the gates of hotels and even on the streets.

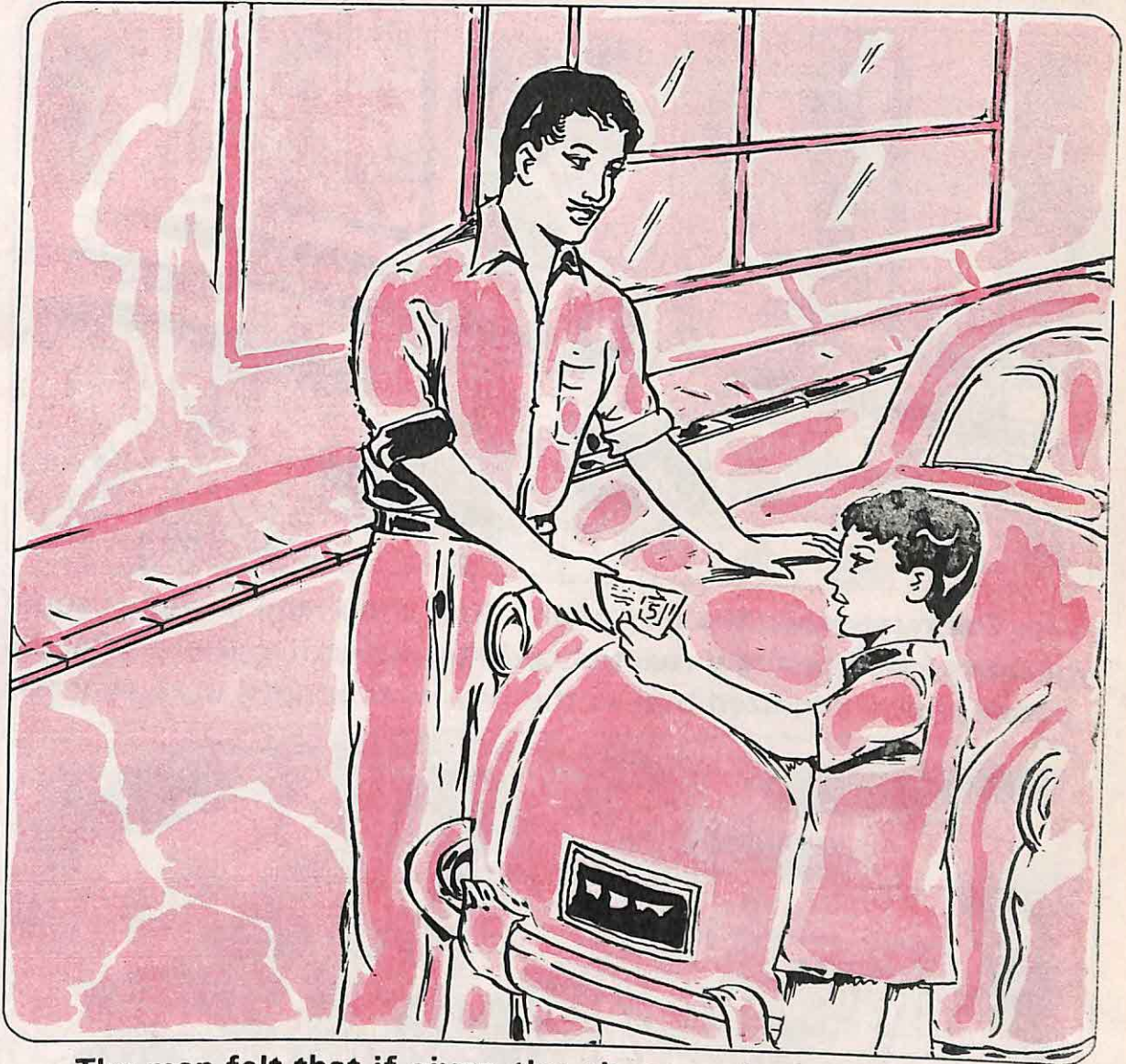


A businessman rushed out of his hotel and hired a taxi. Just then a beggar-boy came running down the road. As the businessman was getting into the taxi the boy pleaded, "Ten





paise babuji." The man stopped for a minute when he saw the boy. He noticed that the boy had bright black eyes and an intelligent face.



The man felt that if given the chance, the boy would make the best of an opportunity. Thinking thus, he pressed a five-rupee note into the boy's hand. The boy looked at the note with surprise written all over his face. For a minute he did not know what to do, but then bowed his head humbly and cast a grateful look at the man.



The boy wondered why the man had given him so much money. He realized that something worthwhile was expected of him.

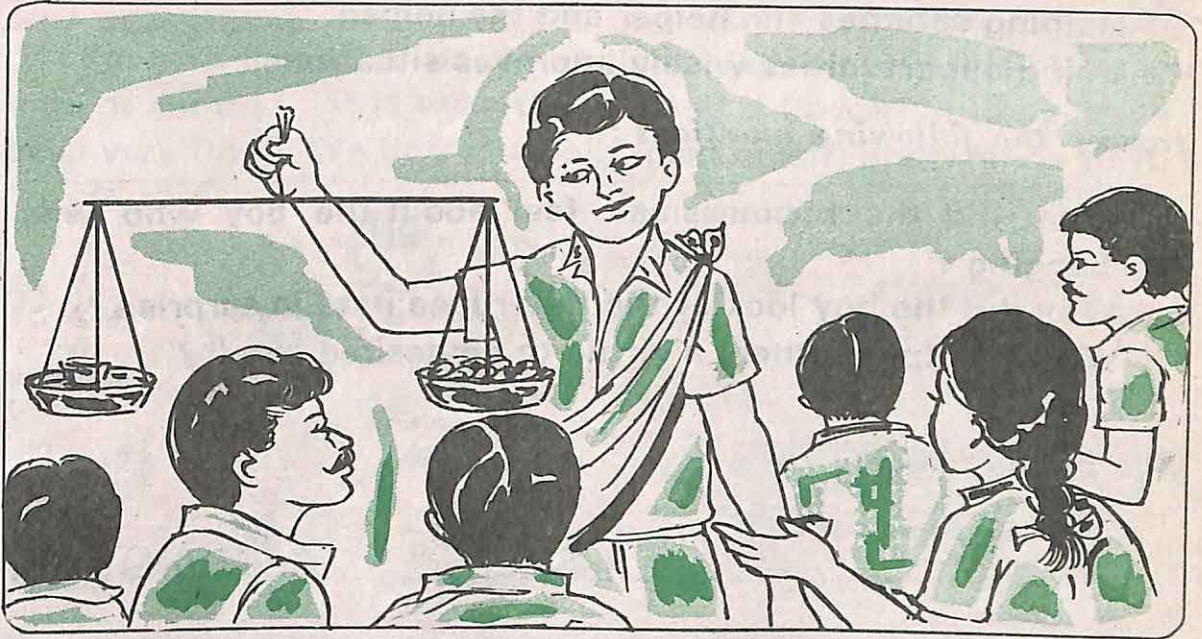


The next day, the boy went to a shop and bought some peanuts. He got them roasted and started selling them. People passing by recognized him as the boy who begged until recently.

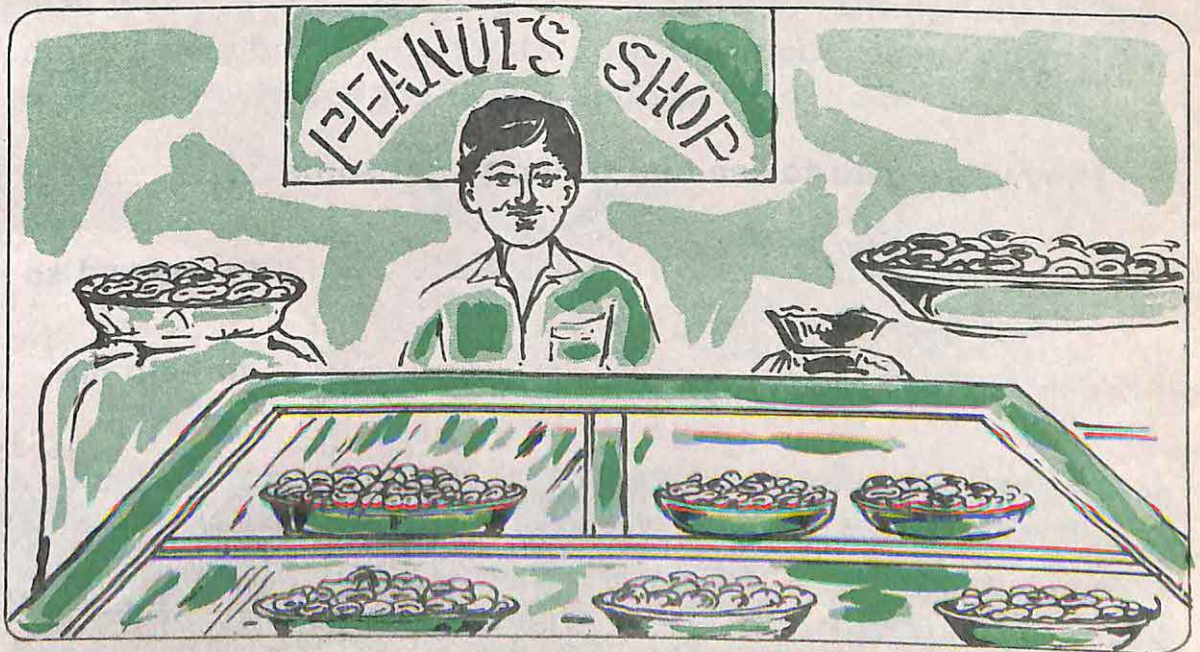




They were glad to see him trying to get some money by fair means and so wanted to help him. They were glad to buy his peanuts.



Each day the boy would get a little more money than what he spent. He worked hard and as a result in ten years, the boy had a small shop of his own.





## AMAZING FACTS

1. Helping—a virtue to be desired.
2. Helping satisfies the helper and the helped.
3. Using opportunities wisely improves situations.

*Answer the following questions :*

1. What did the businessman feel about the boy who was begging ?
2. Why did the boy look at the five-rupee note in surprise ?
3. Why is helping others a virtue to be desired by all ?

*Fill in the blanks :*

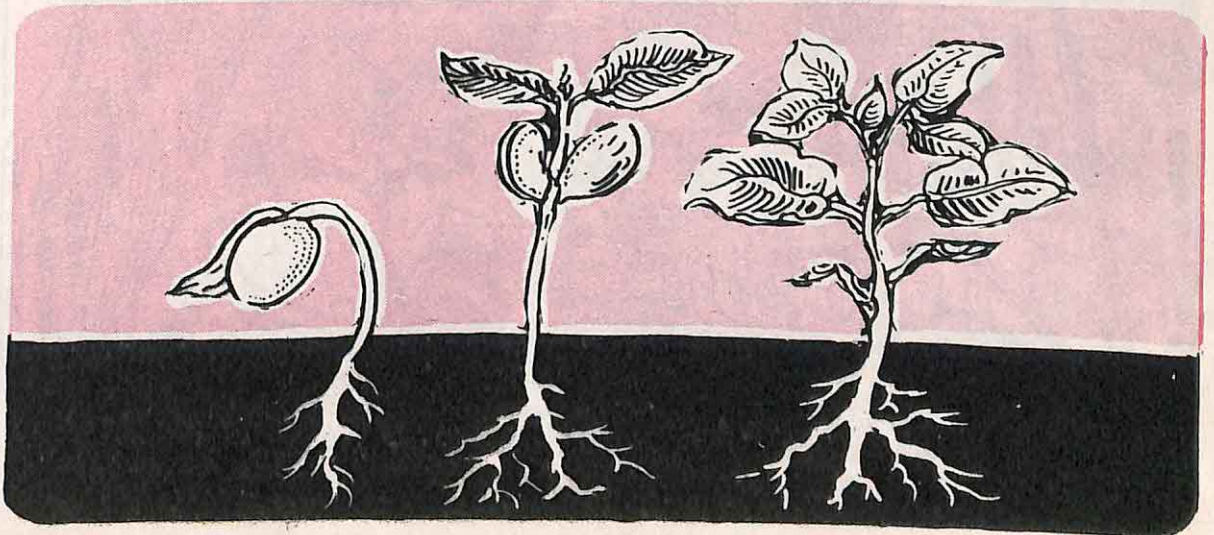
1. Any..... situation arouses the..... of others.
2. The boy realized that something..... was..... of him.
3. They were glad to see him trying to get some..... by..... means and so..... to help him.



I'm sure that all of us have held a seed in our hands at some time or another. If it was the seed of a flower, it may have been very tiny. We don't usually give much importance to it,



but how many of us have realised that a seed is powerful and marvelous? When that little tiny seed is put into the soil and given water every day, it grows gradually. Ultimately it becomes a very big tree. First of all the shoot peeps out of the ground, then we see the leaves and then the stem.





Insects take the yellow pollen grains from one flower and drop it into other flowers and in this way new seeds are produced. Each seed has life in it.



Can you imagine a world without trees and flowers and fruits ? How do you think it will look ? All of us love beauty and like to see the beautiful flowers and trees around us. Plants



give us the oxygen that is so important for our life. They are very useful to us. God made them for us.



Now that we have learnt of the importance and beauty of plant life and also that God made this for our use and enjoyment, will we feel like crushing a flower in our palms the next time we see one?



Many boys and girls destroy the plants surrounding us. It is our duty to tell them not to do so, because plants are not made for that purpose, but to be appreciated by all as God's gift to His children.





## AMAZING FACTS

1. God's power controls plant life.
2. God created the plants for our use.
3. In protecting the plants, man shows his appreciation of God's creation.

*Answer the following questions :*

1. How is the seed powerful and marvelous ?
2. How do insects help in the production of seeds ?
3. Why should you not crush a flower in your hand ?

*Fill in the blanks :*

1. Plants are to be appreciated by all of us as .....  
..... to His .....
2. God made plants for our .....  
..... and .....



Bang ! Bang ! Bang ! Father looked up from reading his newspaper and saw Rohit banging on the keys of the piano in utter dejection. He pushed back the stool on which he had been sitting, when Father called out to him, "Why son, what's the matter ? Where are you going ?"



"Father, I'm never, never going to touch that piano again. I've tried that particular piece so many times but I just can't seem to get it. I'm done with it."

"Son, come and sit close to me. I have something to tell you." The Father told the following story to his son.





I will tell you about Robert Bruce the Scottish King. He was lying on a bed in a wretched hut, hiding from his enemies. On the roof above him, King Bruce saw a spider swinging by one of its threads. It was trying to swing itself from one beam to



another. It tried six times and failed. Bruce realized that he had fought the same number of battles in vain against the English. He decided that if the spider tried a seventh time and

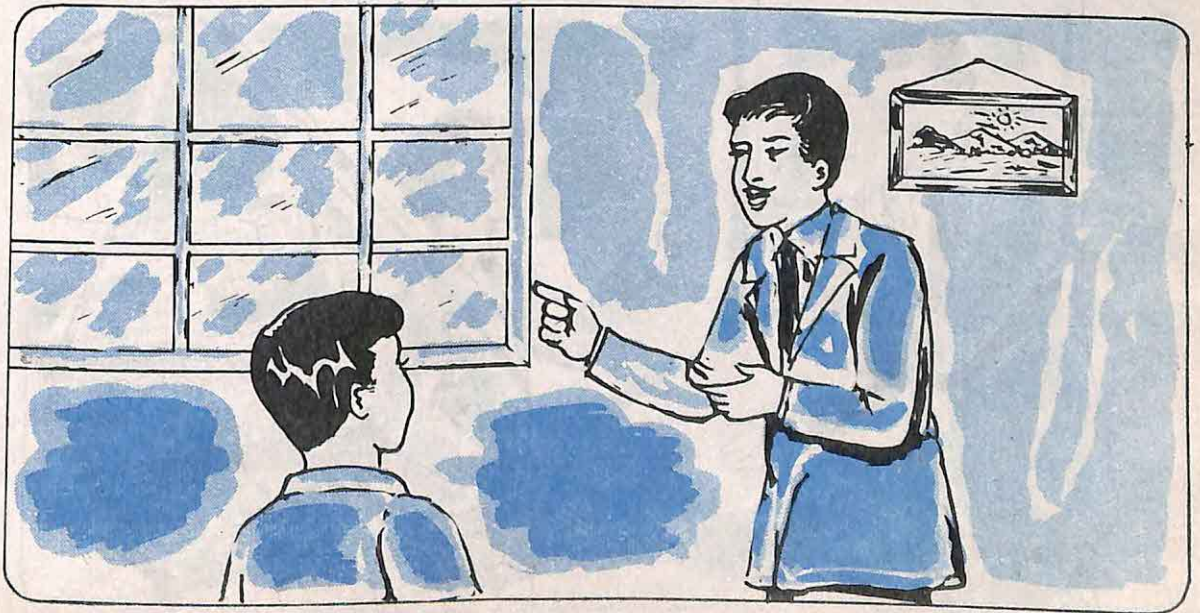




succeeded, he also would try again. The spider's seventh attempt was successful. King Bruce took courage and went forth into the battle and was victorious.



Son, what can you learn from the life of this King? Perseverance is a mighty conqueror. Trying over and over again is no disgrace. If the task at hand is difficult, naturally it will take more of hard labour and patience, but time will surely bring its reward.





A coward in any conflict will give up at the first sign of defeat and will shirk hard work, But the boys who keep trying, make the world's best men. Even the greatest pianist or the scientist has spent hours and hours each day before achieving perfection. Do you still feel like giving up on the piano ?"



"No father, I suppose all I need is a little more patience and the will to practice each day and then I know that I can make it to the top."





## AMAZING FACTS

1. Perseverance will conquer.
2. Discouragement leads to defeat.

*Answer the following questions :*

1. Why did Rohit start banging the keys of the piano ?
2. What did King Bruce observe as he lay on a bed ?
3. What lesson can we learn from the life of King Bruce ?

*Fill in the blanks :*

1. Perseverance is a mighty .....

2. The boys who keep .....

..... make the world's ..... men.

3. .... over and over again is no

.....



Can you tell me who your enemy is? The friend next door? The classmate who hits you? The dog which chases you whenever you go out? No! Your strongest enemy is your ownself. Can you believe it?



There is a chance you can defeat all your enemies who offend you, but to defeat yourself may be far harder. More so because you don't know that you are your own enemy.





Have you ever forced yourself to do a little act of kindness to help others, to study well at the right time and to go to bed early so that you may wake up early ?



Any individual who has learned to keep himself under control will not be shaken or frustrated by the irritations which come our way in day-to-day life.





One day I was listening to a little boy as he told me how his friend pushed him the day before. He called his friend a nasty word and at once apologized to me saying that the word just slipped out without his knowledge. Have you too had the same experience ?



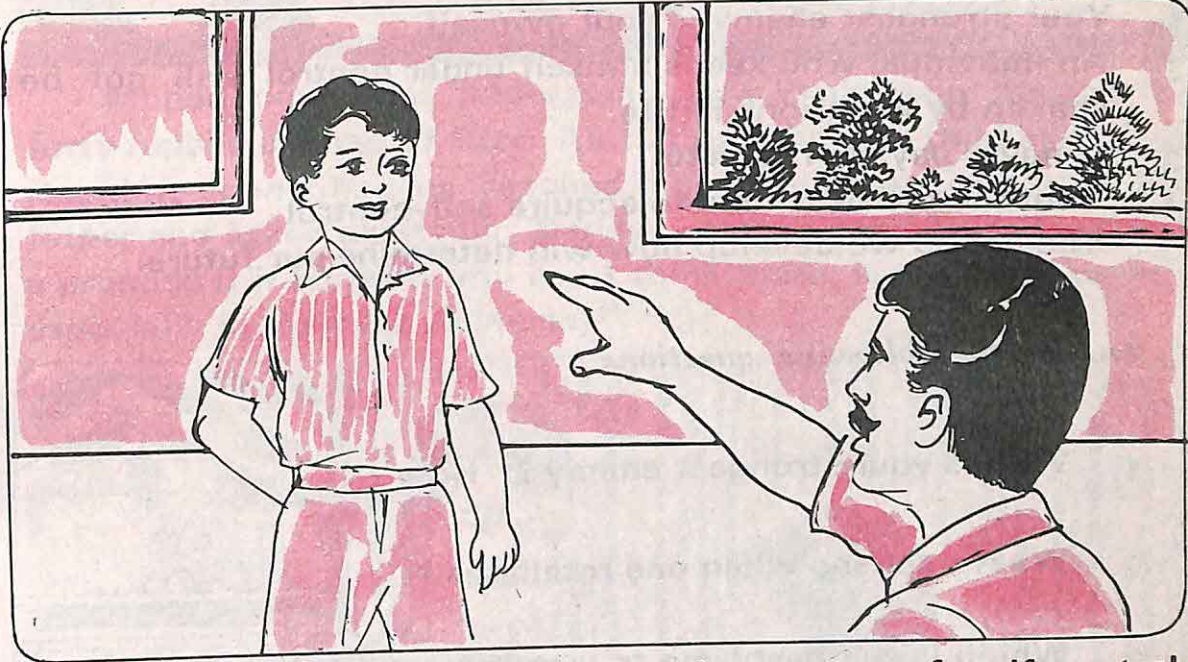
There are times when things annoy us and we are not patient. Do we start shouting immediately or throwing



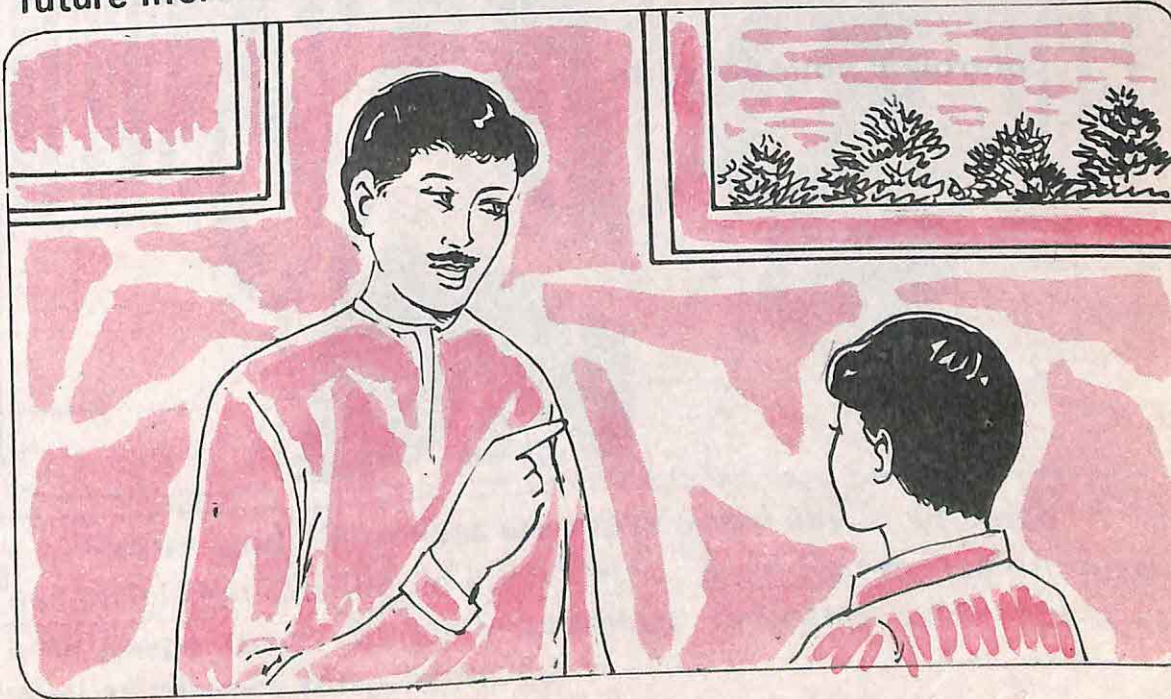
things around ? Or do we remain calm and settle the disturbance in a sensible way ? It never pays to retaliate which only makes matters worse.



We may say, "I am young now, when I am older I will learn to control myself." If we are thinking this way, we are wrong.



Youth is the best time to acquire the power of self-control. The habits we develop now determine our victory or defeat in future life.





## AMAZING FACTS

1. Your strongest enemy is your ownself.
2. An individual who keeps himself under control will not be shaken by irritations in life.
3. It never pays to retaliate
4. Youth is the best time to acquire self-control.
5. The habits we develop now will determine our future.

*Answer the following questions :*

1. Who is your strongest enemy ? How ? .....
2. What happens when one retaliates ? .....
3. Which is the best time to acquire good habits ? Why ?
4. Write down the instances when you can exercise control in your daily life.



Mohan could not understand why Pankaj sold his bat for forty rupees instead of fifty. All the time he was thinking about it and no sooner had he reached home than he went to his father and asked excitedly: "Daddy, what is wrong in breaking a promise if it benefits you? I think there is nothing wrong especially in the case of Pankaj."



Father said, "Promises are made every day in life and it is essential that we should keep them. Even God makes promises and keeps them. Keeping promises indicates self-respect as well as respect for others."



Pankaj was a poor boy. He did not have a father. His mother was supporting him by doing some odd jobs. But because of her sickness Pankaj had to sell his beautiful birthday gift - the cricket bat, so that he could pay for medicine for his mother and pay his school fees without which he could not take his final examination.

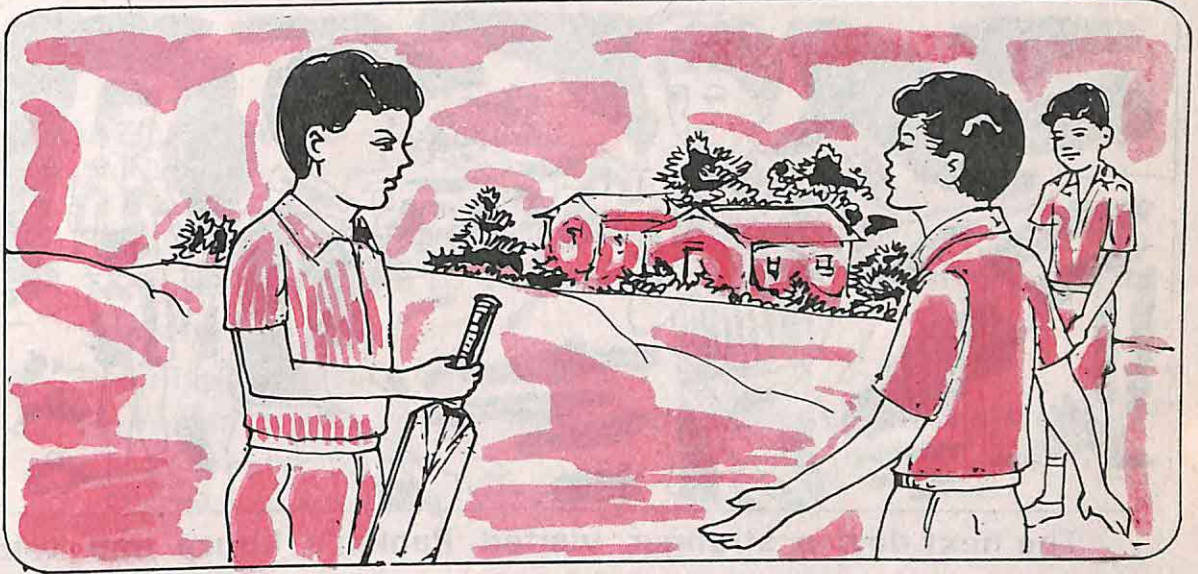


It so happened that one of his friends saw the bat and offered to buy it for forty rupees. The friend was to collect the bat the next day.





In the evening, another of his friends came to him and offered to buy the bat for fifty rupees. They were talking near the fence around his house but away from the house because he didn't want his mother to be disturbed.



Pankaj knew that he had made a promise to sell it to the first boy already. Yet, he was tempted to break that promise because he was going to be benefited more from this offer for the bat. Should he sell it to this boy or shouldn't he? The





question kept flashing in his mind. It was not an easy thing to do. Pankaj told his friend that he had already promised the bat to someone else. Even though it was for less money, he could not break any promise that he had made.



The next day, a stranger visited Pankaj's house and told him that he owned a cloth shop nearby and wanted a faithful boy like Pankaj to work for him. The stranger further explained that he lived on the other side of the fence. He had just moved in and had heard the conversation between the two boys.





Pankaj was so surprised and happy. He immediately accepted the work because he needed timely help. Don't you think keeping promises is important and rewarding? Let's try it out :

### **AMAZING FACTS**

1. Promises made are to be kept in life.
2. Temptations come to break promises for seemingly better benefits.
3. Promise keepers are rewarded.
4. Promises made with clear understanding of the situation have greater force.

*Answer the following questions :*

1. What did Pankaj get for his birthday ?

Why did he want to sell it ?

2. What kept flashing through Pankaj's mind ?

3. Why didn't Pankaj sell his bat to the boy who promised him more money ?

4. What do you think you would have done in the same circumstances ?



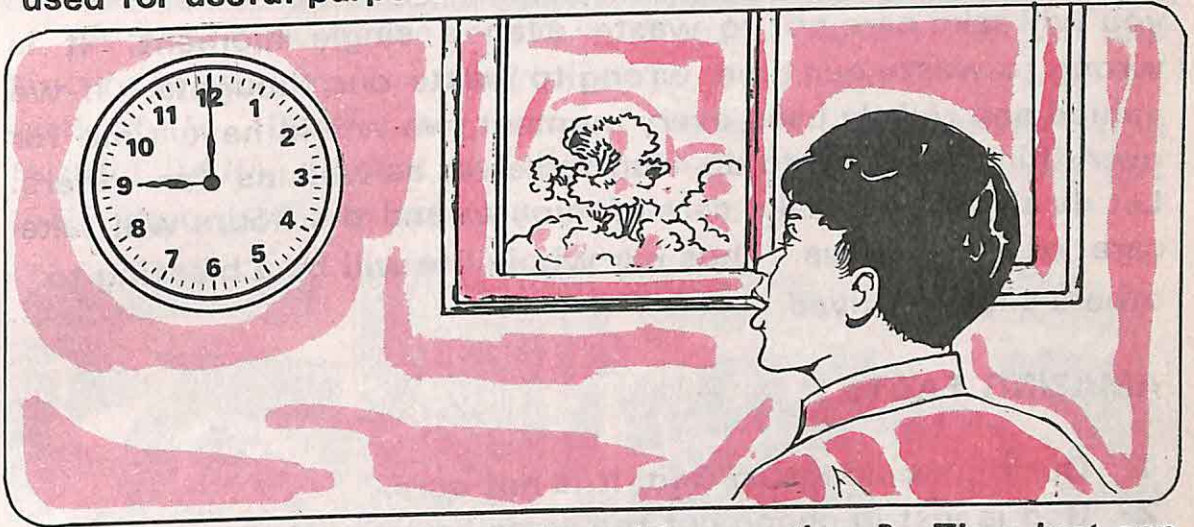
All of us must have heard the statement, "I have no time," in life. Surprisingly, Time does not belong to us! Our time belongs to God. Every moment is His and we are supposed to improve it. Who gave us life? God, of course. Thus He is the only Person who has the right to take it away from us.



The question before us now is, "Am I using this God-given gift of Time properly?"



God is just. He has given each person exactly the same amount of time, regardless of whether the person is rich or poor, educated or uneducated. It has been given to you to be used for useful purposes.



Alright, what are you doing with your time? Time lost can never be gotten back. Are you preparing for health, happiness, knowledge and success in life or are you heading towards ill-health, poverty, failure and ruin? It all depends upon how you use your time. Your future is left in your hands to decide. What you sow today, you will reap tomorrow. What would you want to sow today for a good tomorrow?





Some of us may feel bad because we have wasted so much time already and we haven't put our minds into our studies. Have you heard the saying, "Better late than never?" Well, it is not too late for you to determine that from this day onward, you will take care not to waste even a single moment. It is wrong to waste our time, wrong to waste our thoughts. If we valued and rightly used every moment, we would have time for everything we need to do—for ourselves as well as for others. Let us all strive to take care of minutes and the hours will take care of themselves. Thus our whole life will be a blessing to others and well-lived.

### AMAZING FACTS

1. Our time belongs to God; it is not ours.
2. God is just in giving out the same amount of time to all.
3. Time lost is lost forever.

*Answer the following questions :*

1. What should be the question in our minds regarding time ?
2. How can we say that God is just ?
3. What will be the result if we take care of how we spend our minutes ?
4. List some of the ways how you will use your time profitably.

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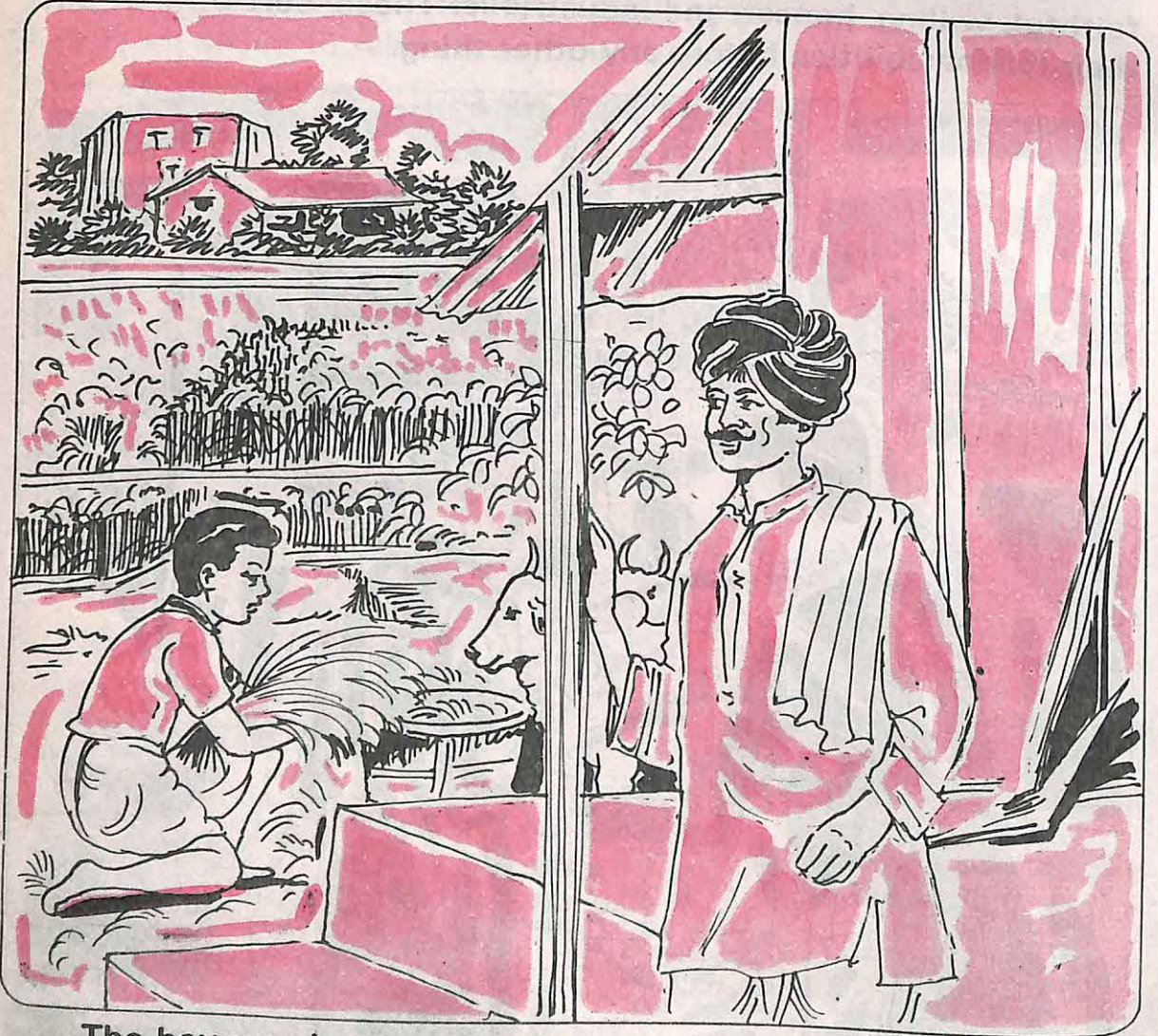


A great need of the world is of men who are earnest and sincere in carrying out their duties. This need is felt in every walk of life. Dutiful men are rare. Being dutiful involves being faithful, willing, honest and industrious. These sort of men put their responsibilities before any other thing.





A rich farmer wanted a boy to work for him on his farm. Many boys came for the job. He questioned each of them. One boy, of about twelve years of age, when asked how he would work, replied, "I will work all day long and when it is night, I will sleep soundly. Nothing can wake me up from my sleep." The farmer wasn't fully satisfied, but anyway decided to hire the boy.

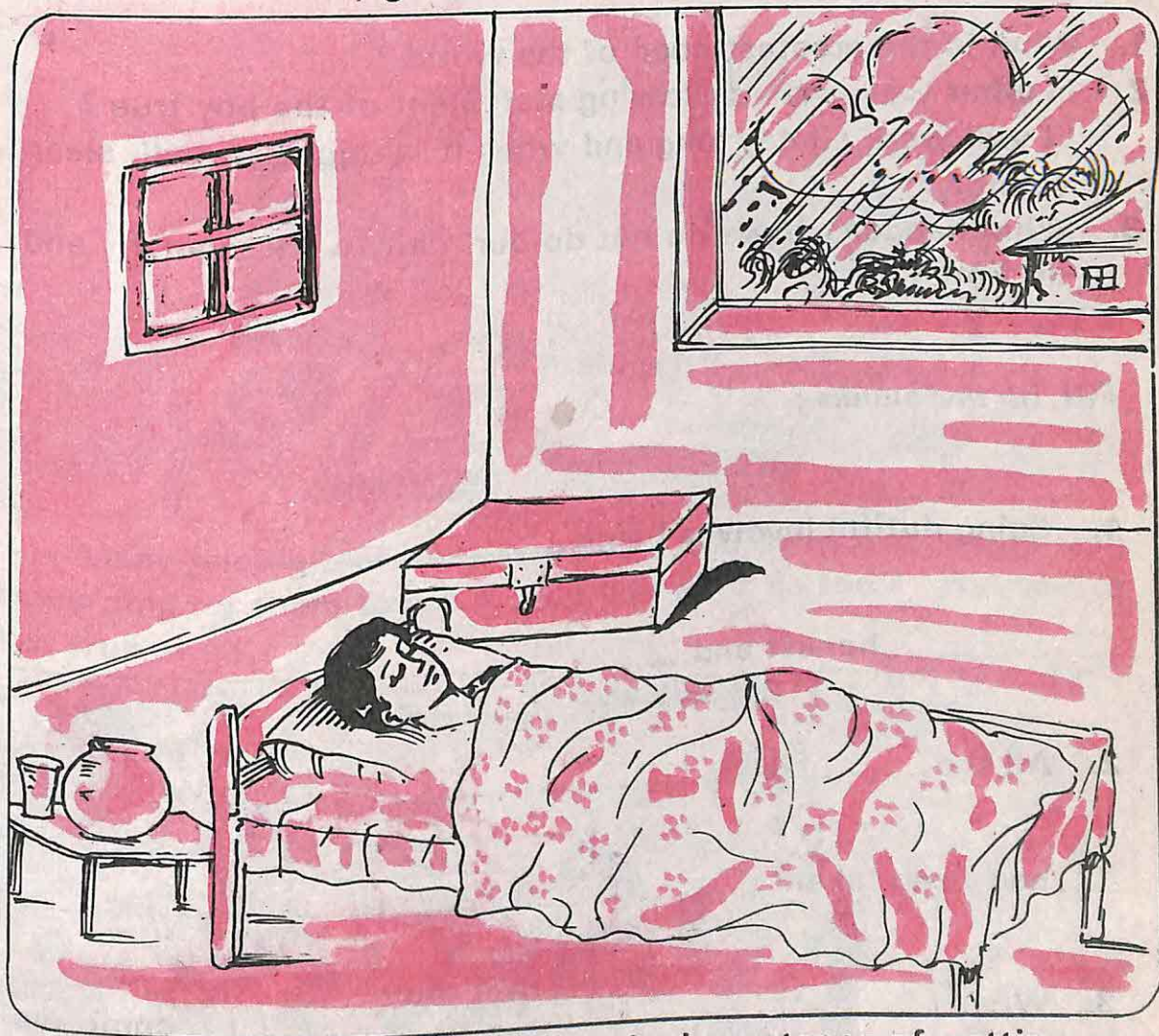


The boy was hard-working and gave no trouble at all. One night it rained very hard. There was thunder and lightning. Hailstones fell. The master jumped up and went to the room where the boy slept. He banged on the door to wake the boy up so that he could go and tend the cattle, but all in vain.



Finally, the master strode away to the barn, in anger. To his surprise, he saw all the grain covered up. He then went to the cattle-shed. All the animals were securely tied in their place. All the precautions had been taken. The hail and rain could not damage anything.

The farmer understood what the boy had meant. The boy's faithfulness in duty gave him confidence and moral strength.



Very often, we do not realize the importance of getting our daily work done. When examinations come, we overwork and tax our brains by losing sleep. This has a bad effect on us. By doing our daily work we will be confident and well-prepared for anything in life.



## AMAZING FACTS

1. There is time for every occasion.
2. Faithfulness in duty gives moral strength and confidence.
3. Regular work brings sense of security.
4. Industriousness discards worry.

*Answer the following questions :*

1. What is the greatest need of the world ?
2. In what way is the following statement of the boy true ?  
"I will work all day long and when it is night, I will sleep soundly."
3. What happens if we do not do our daily work regularly and on time ?

*Fill in the blanks :*

1. Being dutiful involves being \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ honest and \_\_\_\_\_
2. All the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ had been taken. \_\_\_\_\_
3. When \_\_\_\_\_ come we  
overwork and tax our \_\_\_\_\_ by losing \_\_\_\_\_



**Work ! What do you really mean by work ? Your studies or mother's endless errands when you are in the midst of a lively game ? Or cleaning your rooms and making your bed ? Do these constitute work ?**



**Many people feel that work is a course in life or that it is rewarding for them to work. Do you think so too ? But this is not true at all.**





What is work then ? It is a special blessing which God has given in equal measure to all people. Blessing? Are you wondering how work could ever be a blessing ? Let us look into the matter.



Firstly, it was God's purpose for us to avoid and stay far away from the evil which came into this world when man sinned. This is possible when we work hard and concentrate on the work which we do.

Secondly, the great temptations of Satan to do wrong will not be as great or effective as when our minds are working. "An idle mind is the devil's workshop."





Thirdly, man wants and strives to be happy, but it is so hard because of the anxiety, worry and pain that he has to face in life. But when we work, our minds are drawn away from evil and we think of useful things.

Fourthly, work does not allow us to become self-indulgent but encourages purity and firmness in us.



Have you seen men who engage themselves in manual labour? How do they look? They are very strong and in good health. When we do physical work, our body receives a lot of exercise, our blood circulates better and we breathe in more oxygen, which helps us keep our bodies fit.



Thus we can surely conclude that work is a special blessing of God to us to save us from all the evil, misery and pain of this world. Let us not be ashamed but glad to do our daily work.



### AMAZING FACTS

1. Work is a blessing and not a curse.
2. Work is a fence against the devil's temptations.
3. Manual work helps to keep the body fit.

*Answer the following questions :*

1. What is work ?
2. How do the men who are engaged in manual labour look ?
3. What are the benefits of physical work ?
4. In your own words, write some of the ways in which work helps a person.

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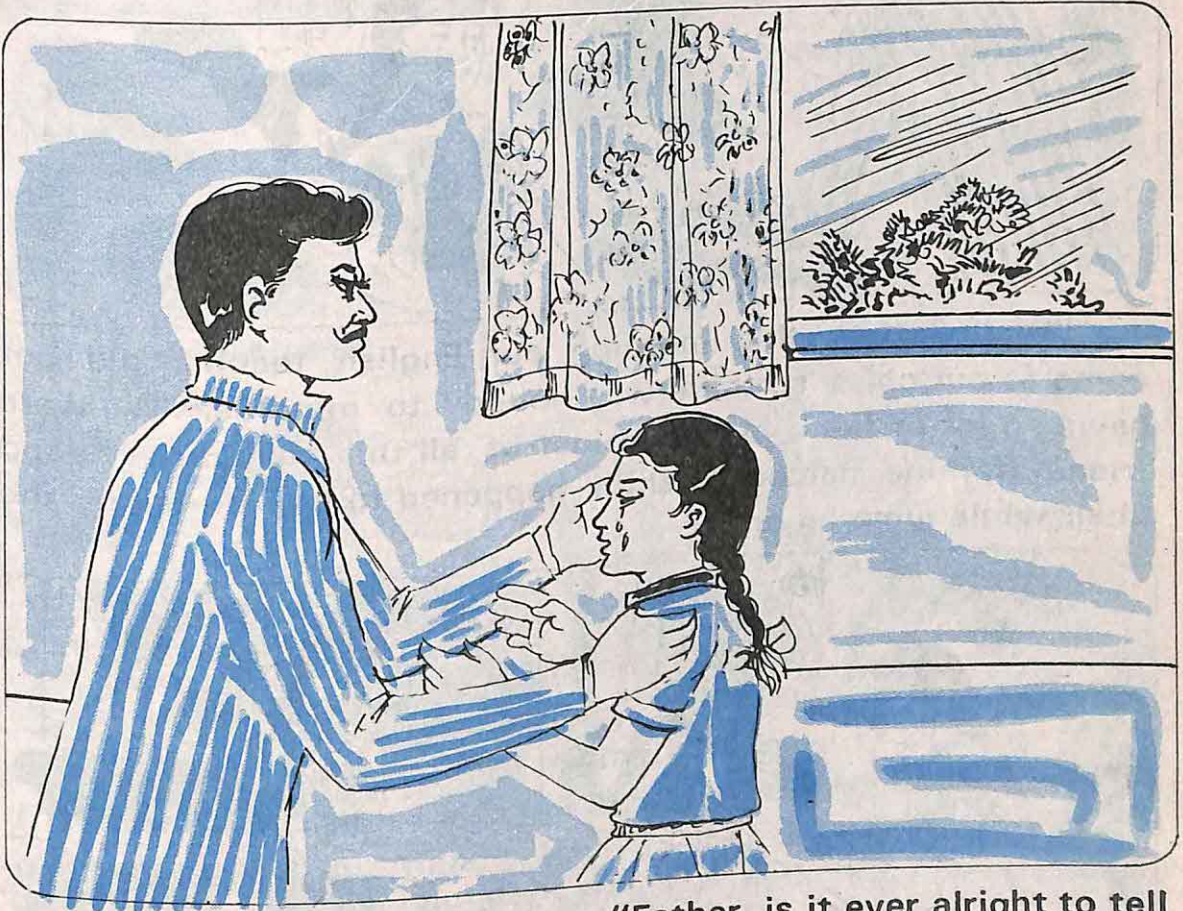
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What was that sound ? Father listened carefully and realised that someone was sobbing in the next room. Who could it be ? He tiptoed to the room, carefully turned the knob and peeped inside. It was Shobha, his youngest daughter. Father put his arms around her to comfort her and tried to find out the cause for her tears, but try as she would Shobha could not speak.



Finally she burst out saying, "Father, is it ever alright to tell a lie ?" He looked at Shobha thoughtfully and said, "Lie ! Never have anything to do with it. It always brings pain and misery. At first you may think that you will save yourself from the consequences, but remember that your sins will find you out."



"Shobha, sometimes it is hard to tell the truth and it requires a lot of courage, but it is the best thing to do regardless of the consequences. Will you tell me what exactly happened? Maybe I can help you."

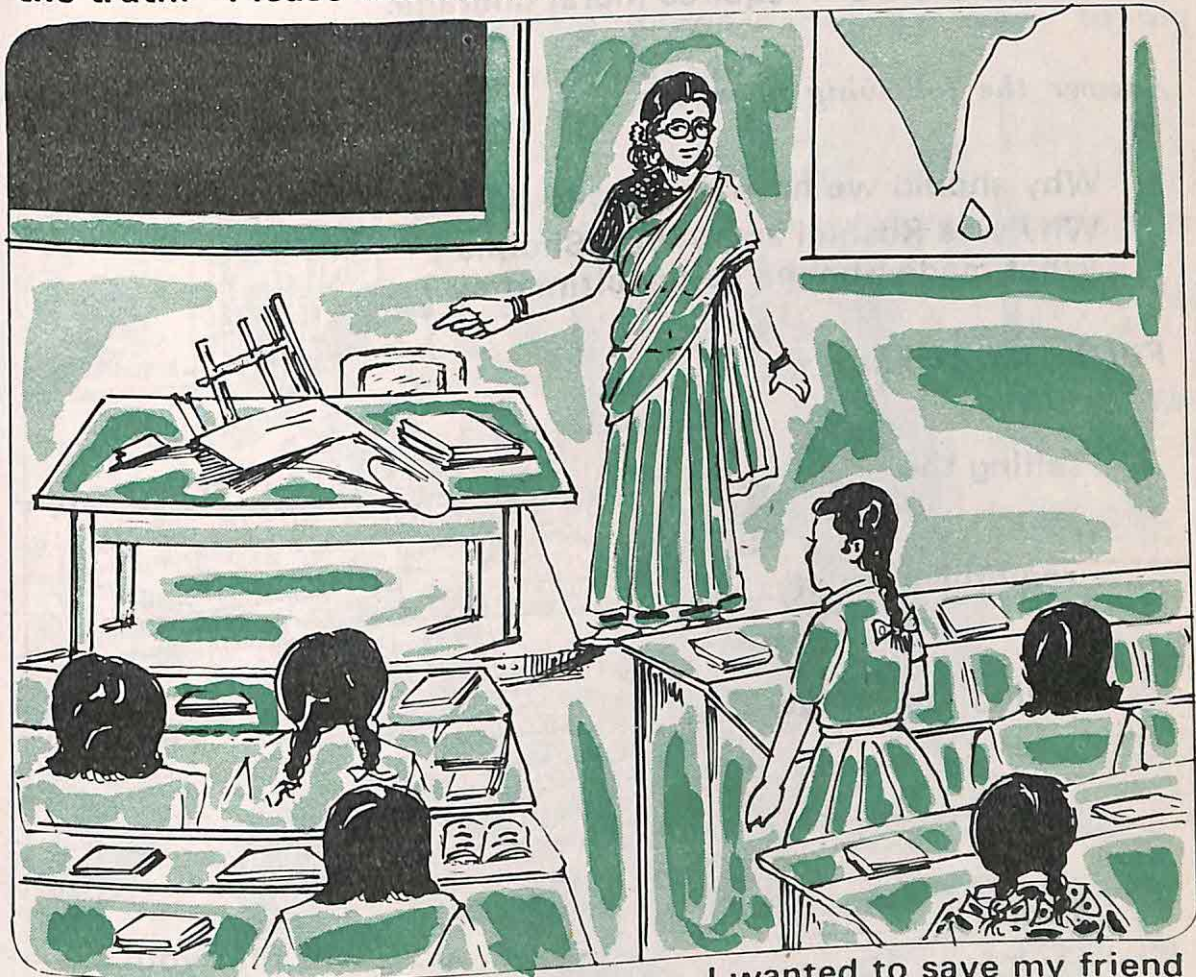


"Well Father, this morning our English teacher did not come to our class, so there was nobody to mind us. We were having a lot of fun. In the midst of all this play, a very good friend of mine named Roshini happened to break a leg of the chair while jumping on it.





After sometime, the principal happened to walk in. She saw the broken chair and put it up on the table. She asked the class to tell her who had done it. No one said anything. Then she looked directly at me and said, "Shobha, I know you will tell me the truth. Please tell me who did this?" I told her the truth.



"Father, it was very hard for me. I wanted to save my friend from punishment but I also wanted to be truthful. There was a great struggle in my mind. Finally I told the truth, though it was painful. Now Roshini is angry and doesn't speak with me."

Father looked at Shobha and said, "I'm proud that you were truthful. One day Roshini will realize that it was for her own good you did this, so don't fret."

Shobha felt very happy on knowing that she had done the right thing.



## AMAZING FACTS :

1. The consequences of lying are always unpleasant.
2. Truthfulness gives inner peace and satisfaction.
3. To tell the truth requires moral courage.

*Answer the following questions :*

1. Why should we have nothing to do with telling lies ?
2. Why was Roshini angry with Shobha ?
3. What made Shobha happy ultimately ?

*Fill in the blanks :*

1. Telling the \_\_\_\_\_  
requires a lot of \_\_\_\_\_
2. Telling lies brings \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Your \_\_\_\_\_ will find you \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



"What can I do for you?" the receptionist asked. "Please have a seat." These pleasant words were like a balm to my tired mind. I felt at ease and relaxed.



Receptionists are trained to be courteous in their speech and manner. They play an important part in the success of the business of firms by their speech. The same virtue of courtesy is as powerful and effective in the success of our daily life.

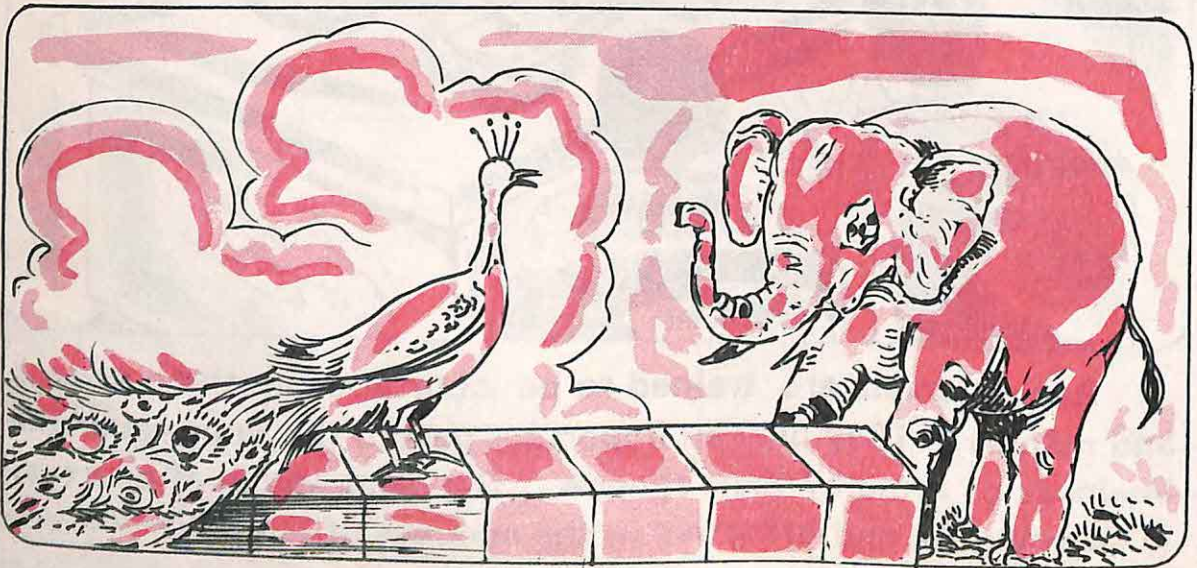


No matter how much it may inconvenience us, we must always try to do kind and gracious deeds. We ought to treat everybody with courtesy, even those who hurt us, not because they are good or are gentlemen but because we are.



The master of a big and beautiful countryside house kept a peacock with him as a pet. He took very good care of it.

On a particular day the peacock was standing on the wall. It was enjoying the bright morning, when it saw an elephant coming down the road. The elephant went to the river each morning to have a bath.





The peacock looked at the elephant scornfully and said, "What an ugly face." The elephant heard this remark and answered, "what are you croaking about?" At once the peacock felt hurt because it is noted for its beauty. But it did not realise that the elephant was also hurt because it was noted for its strength. Uncourteous words are sharp and hurt anyone.



A number of days passed by with ill-feeling between the two. One day, the peacock thought over the whole incident and realized that it was to be blamed for picking up the quarrel with the elephant and it was because of its sharp tongue that trouble started.



The next morning, as the elephant was coming down the road for its usual bath, the peacock looked at the elephant courteously, spread out its beautiful feathers and said, "Hello, strength !"



The elephant was surprised, but it bowed, put up his trunk as a trumpet and said, "Good morning, Beauty !" These good words were as a soothing balm to both of them. Just a gracious touch of courtesy works like magic.

Thereafter, the beautiful peacock and the strong elephant became very good friends. Pleasant words strengthen friendships and give happiness.



## AMAZING FACTS

1. Unkind words are sharp and damaging.
2. Courteous words are soothing to the hearts.
3. Courteous words strengthen friendship and promote happiness.

*Answer the following questions :*

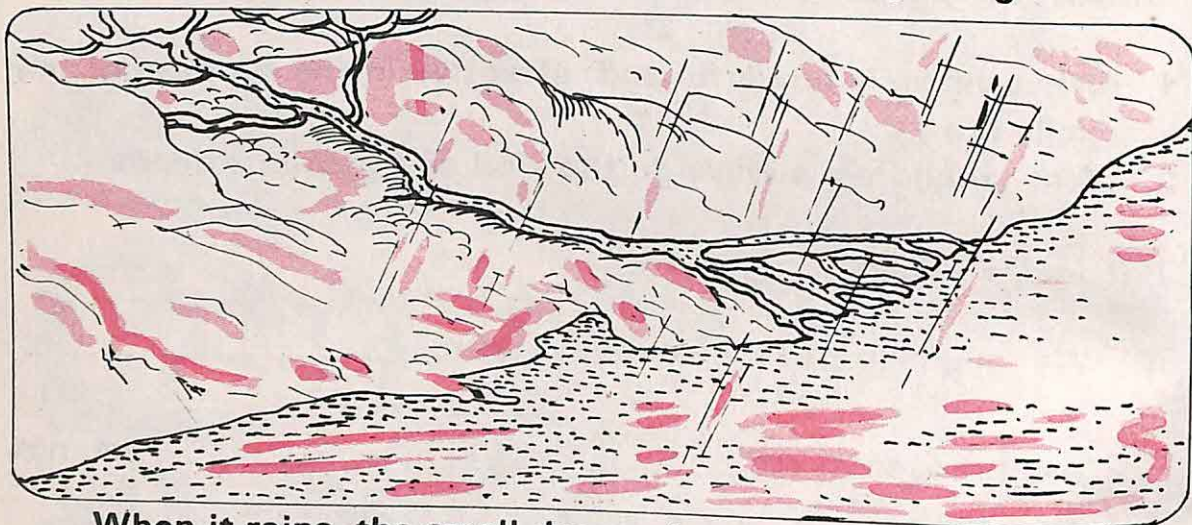
1. What virtue is powerful and effective in the success of our daily life ?
2. Why should we always do the kind and gracious deeds ?

*Fill in the blanks :*

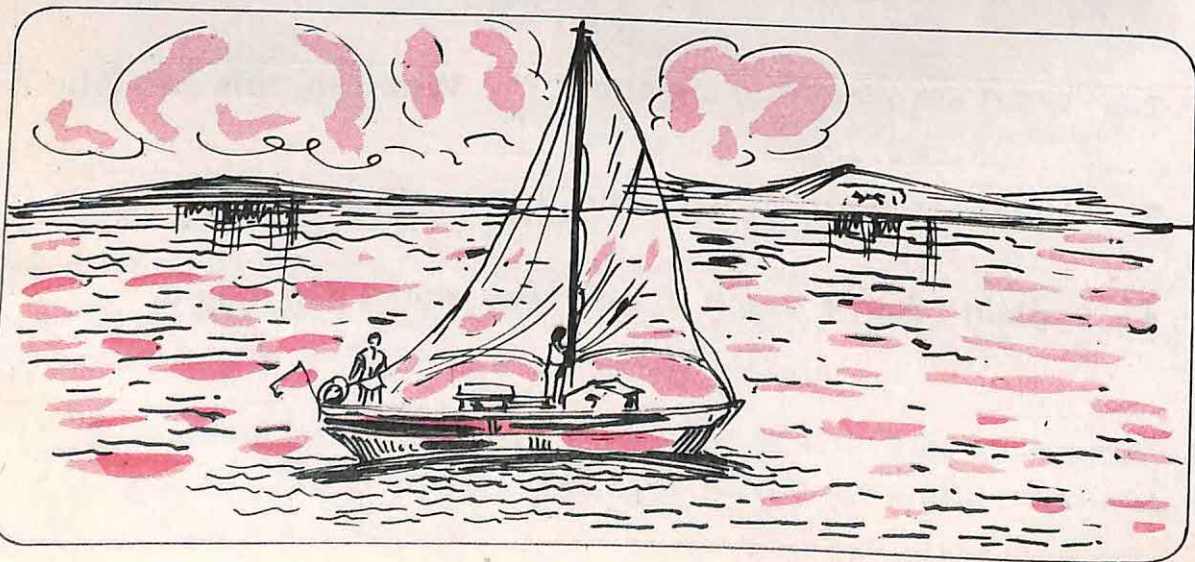
1. We ought to treat everybody with \_\_\_\_\_  
even those who \_\_\_\_\_ us, not  
because they are \_\_\_\_\_ or are  
\_\_\_\_\_ but because \_\_\_\_\_ are.
2. "What are you croaking about ?" Who said this and why ?
3. "Hello Strength," Who said this ? What was the result ?
4. Explain : Just a touch of courtesy works like magic.



Have you ever wondered what the statement, "Little drops make an ocean" means? When you look at the ocean, do you think of the little drops of rain or do you just think of it as a big body of water? Was it there from the very beginning?



When it rains, the small drops of water collect in one place and many of such collections ultimately form the big body of water—the ocean. Thus we find that the ocean really consists of the small drops of water.





In science, we learn that all matter is made up of molecules and all molecules are made up of atoms. An atom is the smallest particle and cannot be further divided. Here we find that all big articles really consist of small things.

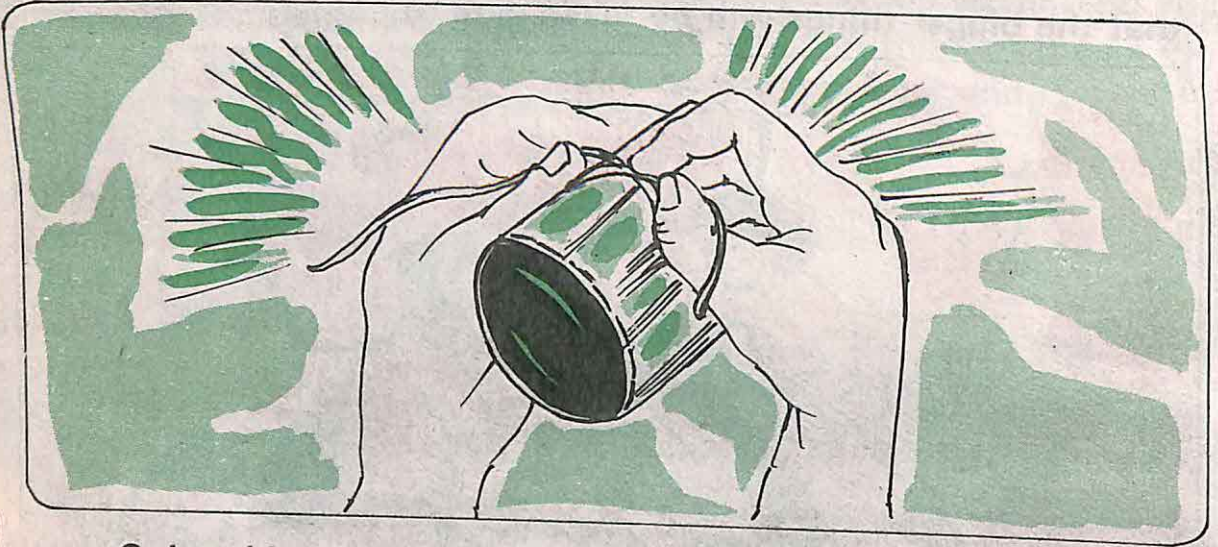
It is so important for us to take care of the small things so that the bigger things will be taken care of.



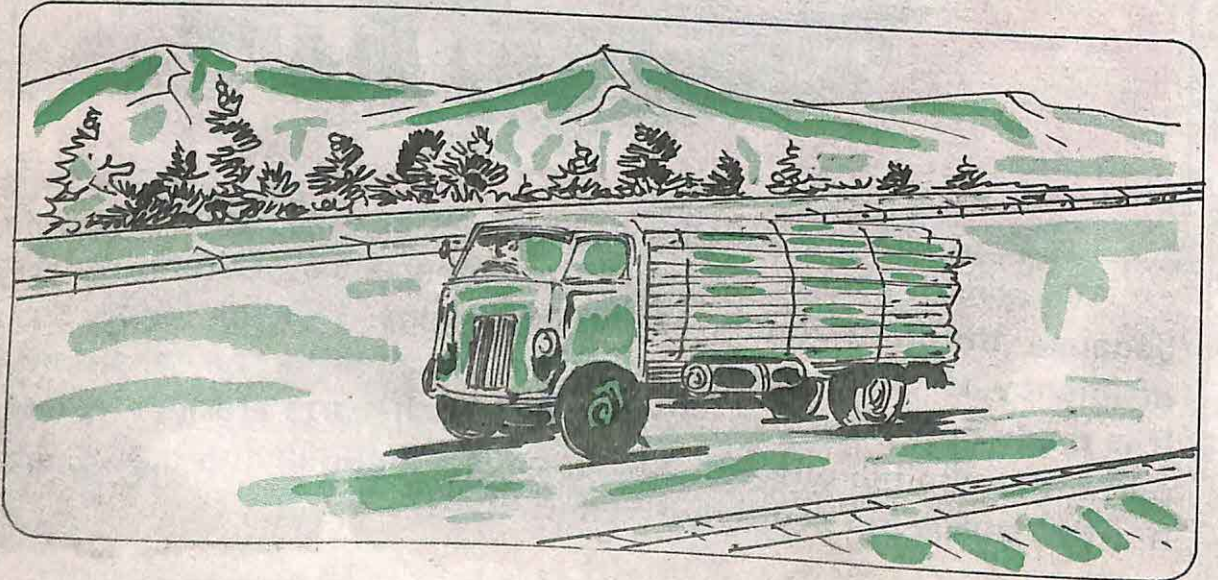
We cannot afford to ignore the importance of small things because the functioning of the big things depends upon the efficiency of small things. Take an automobile, for example. It is made up of various parts. The small parts are just as important as the big ones for the smooth running of the car. Even if a tiny nut is not properly fixed, it creates havoc.



Are we careful in the little things that we face in our day-to-day life? Do we realise that these are the very things that go to build up our character? When we take care of the small things and make a habit of it, the bigger things won't take much effort.

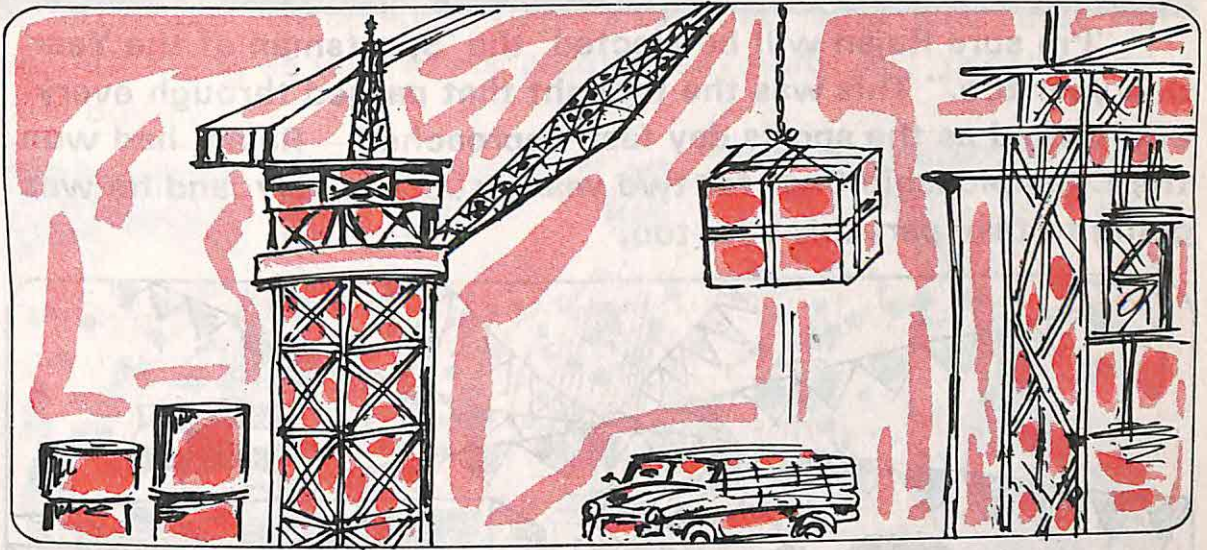


Only taking care of the little things is not enough. Prompt action is also required. A delay may cause some damage or defeat. Hence the advice, "a stitch in time saves nine," is given to us. A stitch made at the right time will save a lot of extra labour.





Does a smile or kind word cost you anything? Though it is a small thing, it makes others happy and lightens their burden. Thus we see the importance of the little things in our life.



### AMAZING FACTS :

1. Small things make big things.
2. In taking care of small things the bigger things are taken care of.
3. Prompt action is required in taking care of small things.

*Answer the following questions :*

1. How is an ocean formed ?
2. What is an atom ?
3. Why should not small things be ignored ?
4. In your own words, write why little things are important.



"I'm sure Rajan will be elected the 'Sportsman of the Year' this year too." This was the thought that passed through everyone's mind as the sports day fast approached. Rajan had won the Championship Cup for two years successively and he was going to take part this year too.

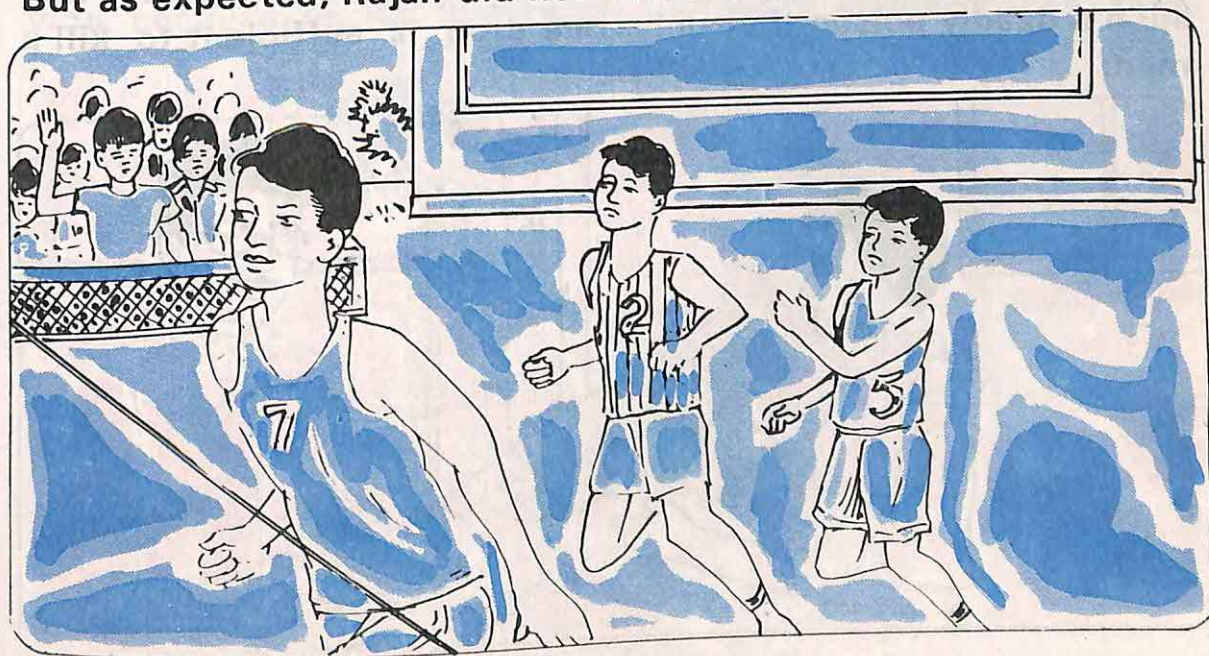




Preparations were going on. The students were busy practising the events in which they wanted to compete. Rajan too was busy, but the Principal noticed a marked change in his performance. He spoke to Rajan's teacher, who said that he was not doing as well in his studies anymore; his grades had gone down.



The great day of the sports came. Everyone was anxious. But as expected, Rajan did not receive the Championship Cup.





The Principal was worried about Rajan's progress. On enquiry, he discovered that Rajan was involved with smoking cigarettes and so he decided to have a talk with him in the office. The Principal advised him on the evils of smoking.

He said, "Rajan, I'm sure you feel bad for losing the Cup, but let me tell you the reason for it."

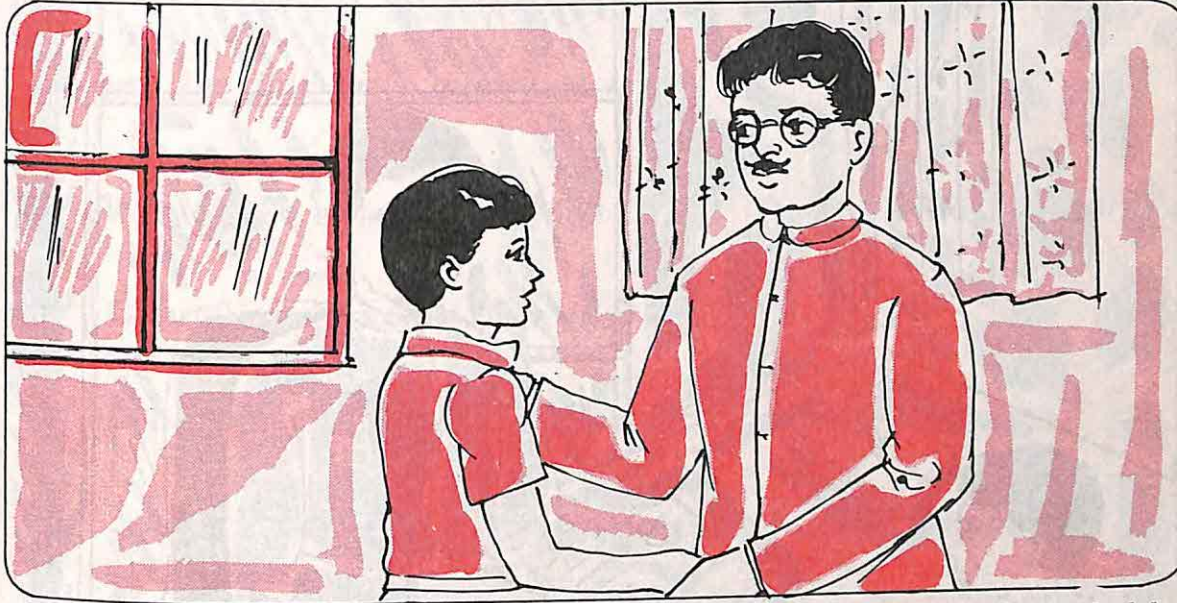


"The cigarettes contain tobacco, as you may know. Tobacco is not a food but a poison. The tobacco plant contains several poisons; among them is the one called nicotine. It is such a deadly poison that only one drop is sufficient to kill a man."

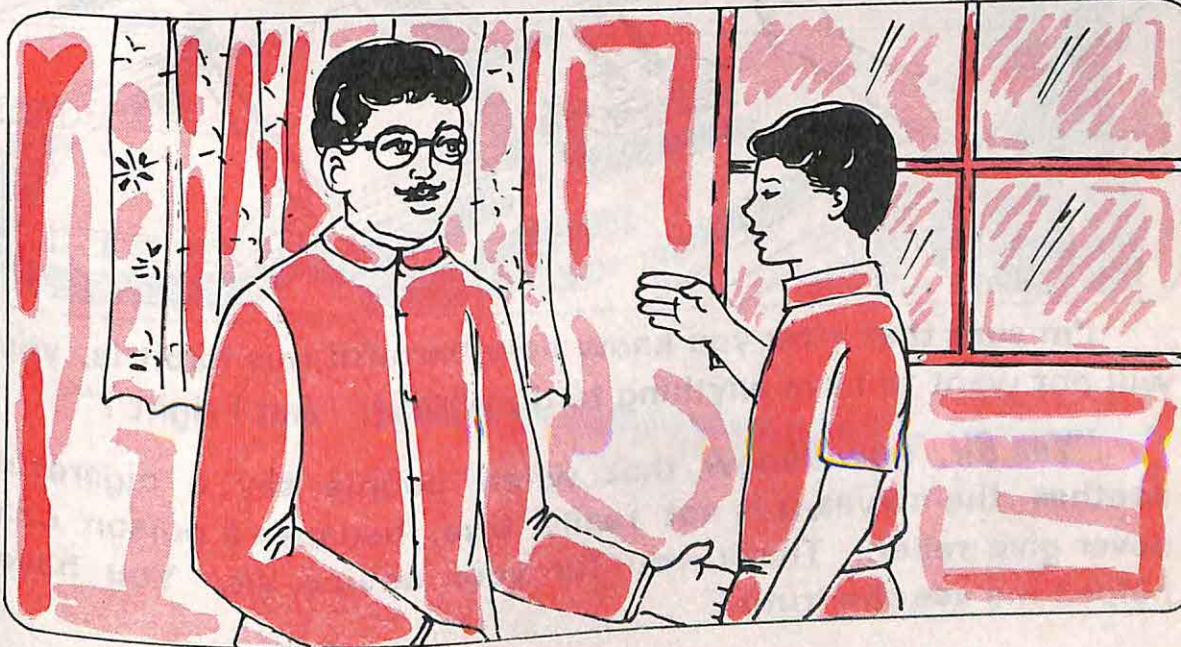




When I was young, my father used to soak the tobacco leaves in a bucket of water for a day or two. He then sprayed this water on the plants in order to kill the bugs and insects which destroyed the plant. Nicotine is so strong that one drop of it when mixed with two thousand drops of water will still kill any insect it touches.



Rajan, even the great people in our world have hated this vice because of its ill-effects. A great educator has said,





"There is no agency in the world today that is so seriously affecting the health, efficiency, education and character of boys and girls as the cigarette habit." Another man has said that the cigarette drags people down.



I'm sure that after you know how harmful this habit is, you will not want to have anything to do with it. Am I right?"

"Yes Sir, now I know that when people say a cigarette soothes the nerves, it is not really true, because a poison can never give relief. Thank you for your advice, sir. You have helped me see the truth."



## AMAZING FACTS :

1. Tobacco is a poison.
2. Tobacco hinders progress intellectually and physically.
3. A poison can never give relief.
4. Sin brings evil along with it.

*Answer the following questions :*

1. Why did everyone think that Rajan would win the Championship Cup that year too ?
2. Why was the Principal worried about Rajan ?
3. What is the most dreadful poison found in tobacco ?
4. List some of the bad effects of tobacco.

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